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COLOMBIA.

*Sanitary reports from Bocas del Toro.*BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *August 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Saturday, August 12, 1899:

The following steamer cleared for the United States: August 9, steamship *Yumuri*, Boe, crew, 16; passengers, 3; for Mobile.

This port and the adjacent country continue free from any contagious or infectious disease. On the whole the sanitary conditions continue to be satisfactory. Malarial fever is more or less prevalent among the natives and foreigners, equally. Although, as a rule, the type of the fever is mild, a few rather severe cases have been brought up from the plantations in the lagoon, where new land is being broken. Several pronounced cases of pneumonia have been brought here from the lagoon during the past few weeks, and, as I have reported, some deaths have occurred.

The deaths that have come to my knowledge this week are as follows: One male native, pneumonia; 1 female native, alcoholism.

Advices from Panama, from reliable sources, are to the effect that no cases of yellow fever have occurred there since July 21. Colon has continued free from infection. All restrictions against Colon have been removed, and the passenger traffic between Colon and this place is again quite large.

Several steamers plying between Bocas and Mobile are now taking cargoes of cattle to Havana from Mobile, then coming to this port for fruit. These vessels all bring certificates of disinfection and arrive here in good sanitary condition.

Respectfully, yours,

HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *August 20, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Saturday, August 19, 1899:

The following vessels have been inspected and cleared during the week: August 13, steamship *Kitty*, Olsen, crew, 17; no passengers, for Mobile; steamship *Utstein*, Aarsvold, crew, 15; passengers, 3, for Mobile. August 14, steamship *Habil*, Gudmundsen, crew, 15; passengers, 7, for Mobile. August 16, steamship *John Wilson*, Olsen, crew, 17; no passengers, for Mobile. August 18, *Iberia*, Jakobsen, crew, 14; passenger, 1, for New Orleans.

The *Utstein* and the *Habil* on the voyage from Mobile stopped at Havana, Cuba, with cargoes of cattle, after discharging which they were disinfected by the United States Marine-Hospital Service. Both vessels were four days out from Havana to this port, and arrived and left here in good sanitary condition.

The sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country is very satisfactory. The only cases of sickness that I have seen were a few cases of intermittent fever. No deaths have occurred during the week.

This being the season for the planting of new lands, large numbers of negro laborers are being brought here from Jamaica and from Colon.

These immigrants are allowed to land without being inspected, and are sent out at once to the different plantations.

The United Fruit Company has established a hospital in the Chiriqui Lagoon, in charge of a competent physician, Dr. C. G. Probert, of Cleveland, Ohio, for its employees. This arrangement will enable me to obtain accurate and reliable information regarding the sanitary conditions existing on the large estates of that company.

Respectfully, yours,

HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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COSTA RICA.

Sanitary report from Port Limon.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *August 18, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended Thursday, August 17, 1899.

The following vessels have cleared from this port for the United States during the week:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Master.	Number of crew.	Destination.	No. of passengers.
Aug. 11.....	Franklin.....	Rasmussen.....	14	New Orleans.....	2
Do.....	Olympia.....	Leslie.....	35do.....	1
Aug. 14.....	Alleghany.....	Lowe.....	40	New York.....	13
Aug. 15.....	Holstein.....	Jardin.....	20	New Orleans.....	0
Aug. 17.....	Hispania.....	Frockberg.....	22do.....	1

I have also to report that the sanitary condition of this port remains excellent, only 3 deaths having occurred within the week in the entire department of Limon, and the causes of death were, respectively, from valvular disease of the heart, cerebral apoplexy, and 1 death from cause unknown—a colored male, who was discovered in an unconscious state in a mountain path a few miles distant from Port Limon.

The local hospitals have fewer inmates than for many weeks past, and there is no suspicion as to the presence of contagious or infectious diseases to be attached to them. The prevailing disease at this port is a mild malarial fever of an intermittent type.

I have been informed through reliable sources that the sanitary condition at Alajuela, which I reported on the 11th instant as being infected with yellow fever, has very much improved, and that no new cases of the said disease have occurred recently.

Respectfully, yours,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

GUATEMALA.

Sanitary report from Livingston.

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, *August 16, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report no change in the general health conditions of this coast. During the past week we have had 3 deaths—1